

House Resolution 1724

By: Representatives Reece of the 11th, Loudermilk of the 14th, Crawford of the 16th, and Dempsey of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Sergeant Billy Freeman Chapter 317 of the National Korean War Veterans
2 Association and recognizing the 60th anniversary of the invasion of South Korea by
3 Communist North Korea; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
5 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
6 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

7 WHEREAS, members of the United States military have long been recognized around the
8 world for their superior tactical skills, their strength of physique and character, and their
9 ability to complete any objective; and

10 WHEREAS, the citizens of this nation regard members of the United States military as
11 demonstrating a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy, willing to sacrifice
12 their own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

13 WHEREAS, June 25, 2010, will mark the 60th anniversary of the invasion of South Korea
14 by Communist North Korea; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1990, the United States Congress declared that what was previously referred
16 to as the Korean Conflict would henceforth be known as the Korean War, a war in which
17 36,574 American troops were killed in the theater of war and another 103,284 were
18 wounded; and

19 WHEREAS, over 99,000 Georgians fought valiantly in Korea, with 11,040 being wounded
20 and 740 laying the ultimate sacrifice upon the altar of freedom; and

21 WHEREAS, Sergeant Billy Freeman was the first of 15 soldiers from Rome and Floyd
22 County, Georgia, who died in battle in Korea; and

23 WHEREAS, the Sergeant Billy Freeman Chapter 317 of the National Korean War Veterans
24 Association was formed in Rome to foster recognition and appreciation for the tremendous
25 sacrifices of all Korean War veterans, living and dead; and

26 WHEREAS, the Sergeant Billy Freeman Chapter will join with the Korean Association of
27 Rome and Northwest Georgia and the National Association of Korean War Veterans to
28 support and promote a three-year observance to coincide with the invasion of South Korea
29 and the cessation of hostilities; and

30 WHEREAS, veterans and current members of the United States military embody the spirit
31 of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly
32 fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable
33 and distinguished Americans be honored appropriately.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body express their most profound appreciation for veterans of the
36 Korean War and their families for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and
37 ideals of the United States and extend sincere gratitude for their selfless service to this nation.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Sergeant Billy Freeman
40 Chapter 317 of the National Korean War Veterans Association.